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I live in a small town about 35 miles from a major metropolis. I have seen what has happened to our once thriving rural town since Wal-Mart has come in and put up their mega store. Family owned and operated hardware stores have closed. Appliance stores have closed. Service and options that were once provided by the smaller stores and their employees, is now not available. I don't think this is conducive to progress in our society.

I therefore do not think that Wal-Marts intro to the banking field will have long term positive effects on our community and I therefore oppose it.

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